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ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Garner, N.C., October 25, 2013 – A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive Sunday, November 3, 2013 to examine all aspects of the Garner Police Department's policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Chief Brandon Zuidema announced today.

Verification by the team that the Garner Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, stated Chief Zuidema.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session November 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Garner Chamber of Commerce located at 401 Circle Drive, Garner, NC 27529.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session, but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (919) 773-4432 on November 4, 2013 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Telephone comments, as well as appearances at the public information session, are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Garner Police Department, 900-C

Seventh Ave. Local contact can be made with either Accreditation Manager Dana Clay or Sgt. Scott Crawford at (919) 772-8810.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Garner Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The Accreditation Manager for the Garner Police Department is Dana Clay. The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Team Leader Mark Scott, Deputy Chief of Albany, GA, Police Department and Assessor Constance White, Lieutenant of Licking County, OH, Sheriff's Office.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full commission, whom will then determine if the agency is to be granted accredited status, Mrs. Clay stated.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., please write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155; or call (703) 890-3126.